

deportation centers. These National Guard flights made sense as a tool in our arsenal against drugs and those who would engage in their possession, use or distribution, as well as serving the Guard's training needs and requirements.

However; these effective and cost efficient National Guard flights were I am informed, ended several years ago because there was questions raised about the legal authority for the National Guard to engage in this activity, only indirectly drug related.

My bill, which I introduce today, makes the local National Guard's authority clear in this area; if it desires to promote its training and antinarcotics function and role in this fashion as part of its antidrug plans, it may clearly do so. It also limits those cases where the National Guard may assist the INS in transporting aliens to those criminal aliens, who have violated a Federal or State law prohibiting or regulating the possession, use, or distribution of a controlled substance.

It is a reasonable use of the National Guard's air assets, pilots, and personnel incidental to training by the Guard. It also serves our national interests in the battle against drugs. As we well know, drugs and those involved in the deadly trade in these poisons, cost our society more than \$67 billion annually, and threaten our cities, schools, youth, and future generations.

The bill is simply authority for those local National Guard units that want to engage in assisting INS to transport these criminal aliens involved in drugs for deportation purposes. It will help this Nation get a handle on the many foreign born individuals in our prison system who have engaged in drug related criminal activity and face deportation spirited out of this country as soon as possible.

We should do all we can to get these criminal aliens involved in drugs and related violence out of our Nation as soon as possible and not allow them back on our streets to affect our communities, schools, and childrens' futures and very lives and well being.

I ask that the full text of the bill be printed hereafter:

H.R. .

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY FOR NATIONAL GUARD TO ASSIST IN TRANSPORTATION OF CERTAIN ALIENS.

Section 112(d)(1) of title 32, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence: "The plan as approved by the Secretary may provide for the use of personnel and equipment of the National Guard of that State to assist the Immigration and Naturalization Service in the transportation of aliens who have violated a Federal or State law prohibiting or regulating the possession, use, or distribution of a controlled substance."

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SERVICE BY VFW ROMANOWSKI POST 6896

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 1996

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise today to mark 50 years of dedication by

the Sgt. Stanley F. Romanowski Post 6896 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The ideals embodied in the Post membership stand as a model of public service.

In exemplary fashion, the Romanowski Post has served its members and the community at large. I am proud to be associated, as a member, with an organization whose fierce camaraderie is only outshone by its firm commitment to serving Dearborn, the 4th VFW district, and Wayne County, MI.

To list all of the ways Post 6896 serves the community would be near to impossible, yet it is important to recognize a few of the programs which the Post has established: the Post Blood Bank, serving both members and the public; spaghetti dinners supporting muscular dystrophy research; and the Christmas Needy Basket Program providing food for families enduring hard times. These are just three examples of the selfless charity central to Romanowski's mission. The additions of the Ladies Auxiliary and the Dads Post have increased the number of people who have the opportunity to participate in a positive way in Post activities while also expanding the resources available to be dedicated to charitable pursuits. The numerous clubs and leagues which operate within the post have helped to create a supportive and congenial atmosphere.

On May 12, 1946, when the Post was humbly instituted in the gymnasium of the Munger Intermediate School, its members could not have foreseen the success that was ahead. Romanowski has been the largest Post in the Department. It has long held the Drill Team title of Department Champions (first captured in 1965), and twice hosted the VFW National Convention. Throughout the years, the Post has gained a well-deserved reputation for hospitality and generosity.

Mr. Speaker, it is with honor and personal pride that I congratulate my home Post for 50 years of dedicated service in southeast Michigan.

BROWARD COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM WINS AWARD

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 1996

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a south Florida institution which has recently received the highest honor in its field. The American Libraries Association and the Library Journal have named the Broward County Library System, the "1996 National Library of the Year."

The Broward County Library System has consistently provided the residents of south Florida with excellent service, valuable resources, and vital information. The library system has become a fixture within the community, and the community support is extraordinary. The library draws more attendance than all the Florida sports teams combined. The Miami Herald proclaimed the library to be "one of the Broward County Commission's most important achievements." Support such as this illustrates the Broward County Library's successful pursuit of excellence and innovative approaches to library service.

In our growing age of technology and telecommunications, the Broward County Library

System has provided state of the art resources which are in high demand. The library volunteered to pilot the FreeNet System to enhance access in providing the South Florida community with electronic mail, a public forum to exchange ideas, and internet service to research data bases. During its expansion in service and information, the library system has proven its commitment to develop a service that will meet the technological standards of the 21st century.

Through its program of service and dedication, the Broward County Library System has kept the taxpayer in high regard. For example, the library system formed a partnership with Broward Community College in order to consolidate financial resources for operational and construction services. This partnership has saved taxpayers \$17,000,000—which is the total cost of building and operating two libraries. Both the public and private sectors have enabled the Broward County Library System to provide essential service, as well as a commitment to education.

The Broward County Library System has provided educational standards that have been adopted and practiced by educators. The library has teamed up with local schools, colleges and universities in providing its coveted resources for all age groups.

Mr. Speaker, throughout this country there are many individuals who are dedicated to strengthening our community spirit, one such individual is Mr. Samuel Morrison, Director of the Libraries Division of Broward County. I ask my colleagues to join me in extending congratulations to Sam Morrison and the staff of the Broward County Library System on the receipt of the 1996 National Library of the Year Award.

MEMORIAL DAY 1996

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 1996

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the observance of Memorial Day. This day we pause from our busy schedules to honor those who have given their lives defending our freedom in the line of duty. A small stone market at Omaha Beach Cemetery echoes our gratitude with this simple but powerful acknowledgement. "To these we owe our highest resolve, that the cause for which they died, we shall live."

The efforts of the men and women who valiantly served our country here and abroad to preserve peace and liberty deserve our highest recognition. Whether we observe this occasion through ceremony or prayer, Memorial Day leaves few hearts unmoved. From the remote places of Argonne, Normandy, Inchon, Da Nang, and Kuwait City, Americans have shed their blood so that others might live in peace, without fear of tyranny and aggression. We have an obligation to remember the names and the deeds of the Americans who paid the price for our freedom.

The courage and valor shown by the men and women who have served our country is symbolized by the plethora of monuments and memorials, each commemorating the deeds of untold numbers of Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. For those